

December 2009 Community Events Calendar

Kaiser Permanente San Jose Farmers' Market

Date: Every Friday, year round. 10am-2pm

Summary: Kaiser Permanente San Jose partners with the Pacific Coast Farmer's Market Association to provide real California grown, fresh, seasonal, and organic produce sold by the farmers who produced the crops.

Location: 250 Hospital Parkway, San Jose, CA 95119

Located between the One North (270 International Circle) and Two North buildings

More information:

<https://members.kaiserpermanente.org/redirects/farmersmarkets/>

Japantown Certified Farmers' Market

Date: Sunday mornings from 8:30am-12pm

Summary: Enjoy local fresh fruits and vegetables

Location: Jackson St. and 6th and 7th Streets, Directly in front of Miraido Village, San Jose, 95112

More information: <http://www.japantownsanjose.org/market.html>

Downtown Ice at Circle of Palms

Date: Friday, November 20, 2009 to Monday, January 18, 2009
(check schedule)

Summary: Ice skate under the stars and palm trees – in the heart of downtown San Jose's holiday activities. Beginning its 14th season, Downtown Ice has become a holiday tradition and one of the best skating experiences in the western United States.

Location: Circle of Palms

170 S. Market St.

San Jose, CA 95113

More information: <http://www.sjdowntown.com/downtownice.html>

Christmas in the Park

Date: Friday, November 27, 2009 through Friday, January 1, 2010.
9am-12 midnight

Summary: San Jose's best-known holiday tradition, Christmas in the Park, is now in its 29th year. Stroll among 60 animated displays, hundreds of decorated trees and thousands of twinkling lights. There is also nightly entertainment by local schools and groups; check the North Pole information booth. Christmas in the Park draws more than 450,000 people to downtown San Jose during the four-week holiday season

Location: Plaza de Cesar Chavez (between San Carlos and San Fernando Streets)

More information: <http://www.christmasinthepark.com/>

Mad Science (Ages 3-5 years)

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2009. 11:30am-12:15pm

Summary: Get ready to work as a paleontologist by participating in a 'mini' dinosaur dig! Mad Science is back at the Willow Glen Library to present their, "Digging for Dinosaurs," workshop. See some dinosaur teeth up-close! Sponsored by the Friends of the Willow Glen Library.

Location: Willow Glen Library
1157 Minnesota Ave
San Jose, 95125

More Information: <http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/events/index.htm>

One-Stop Homeless Prevention Center Tours

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2009. 10am-11am; Tuesday, December 8, 2009. 2pm-3pm; Wednesday, December 9, 2009. 10:30am-11:30am

Summary: EHC LifeBuilders will be providing one-hour tours to anyone interested in learning more about the innovative services at EHC LifeBuilders' new One-Stop Homeless Prevention Center. The tour will consist of a short presentation outlining the program, how it assists clients to achieve stability and self-sufficiency in Santa Clara County, and additional information such as program goals and outcomes, success stories, as well as methods and principles implemented at the site.

Location: EHC Lifebuilders Boccardo Reception Center
2011 Little Orchard Street
San Jose, CA 95125

More information: <http://www.ehclifebuilders.org/>

Noddin Elementary's 18th Annual Holiday Faire

Date: Friday, December 4, 2009. 3pm-7pm

Summary: Come and do some holiday shopping and help a local elementary school at the same time. Numerous local vendors will be making unique gifts and handmade crafts. Also, an entire kids' marketplace where K-5 students are selling their products. With activities for the kids, baked goods, visits with Santa, and a yummy pasta dinner, it is sure to be a great time!

Location: Noddin Elementary School
1755 Gilda Way
San Jose, 95124

More information: <http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/89296468-noddin-elementarys-18th-annual-holiday-faire>

Heritage Holiday

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009. 12 noon-5pm.

Summary: History San Jose and Happy Hollow Park & Zoo present a fun-filled festival for families and shoppers of all ages and interests. Come and enjoy artisan vendors, international food booths, live music, trolley rides and much more.

Location: History Park at Kelley Park

1650 Senter Road

San Jose, CA 95112

More information: <http://www.historysanjose.org/>

Calero Rancho Del Oro Run

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009. 7am

Summary: N/A

Location: Calero Park

Calero and Lean

San Jose, 95193

More Information: <http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/89188058-calero-rancho-del-oro-run>

San Jose Super Toy, Comic & Record Show

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009. 11am-4pm

Summary: 200+ toy, comic book and record vendors sell new and vintage items...huge variety of Hot Wheels, GI Joes, LEGO, Godzilla, dolls, Transformers, Star Wars, Disney, model kits, robots...rock n roll, jazz, surf, pop, hip hop, blues...records. Marvel, DC and small press comic books. Special guest Barbara Luna from Star Trek & Mission Impossible will be signing.

Location: Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

344 Tully Road

San Jose, 95111

More Information: <http://www.timetunnelnews.blogspot.com/>

5th Annual Holiday Boutique

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009. 10am

Summary: Holiday & Everyday Hand Crafted Items, Gift Baskets, Ornaments, Snowmen, Angels, Magnets, Double Sided Table runners, Painted Wood, Blank Journals, Hand Knit Scarves, Handcrafted Greeting Cards and much, much, more...

Location: Boutique

5035 Severance Dr.

San Jose, 95136

More Information: <http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/88626786-5th-annual-holiday-boutique>

First Annual San Jose Short Film Festival

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009 & Sunday, December 6, 2009. 7pm

Summary: Come and be apart of history by competing in The Wave Magazine's First Annual San Jose Short Film Festival. The festival is dedicated to honoring and promoting short films while providing an outlet for local and national filmmakers, scriptwriters and all-around movie mongers to showcase their creative talent.

Location: Camera 3

288 S. Second St.

San Jose, 95113

More Information: <http://www.sjshortfest.com/>

San Jose Holiday Parade

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009. 8:30am-11am

Summary: The 28th annual San Jose Holiday Parade tradition will showcase approximately 90 entries with 5,000 marchers, including giant soaring helium balloons, top marching bands, colorful floats, drill teams, equestrians, clowns, and special guest celebrities!

Location: Downtown San José - Begins at Santa Clara and Market Street

More information: www.sanjoseholidayparade.com/

St. Victor Arts & Crafts Boutique

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009. 9am-4pm

Summary: 30 vendors: knit, quilts, stained glass, jewelry, clothing, purses, candles, cards, holiday decor and more. Enjoy great food, raffle for an LCD TV, Have lunch with Santa (photo op). Have a fun day shopping indoors from a large selection items or sit down for a meal & dessert.

Location: St. Victor Parish Hall

3150 Sierra Road

San Jose, 95132

More Information: <http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/89160156-st-victor-arts-crafts-boutique>

Christmas Boutique at Mount St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009. 10:30am-5:30pm

Summary: Carmelite Secular Order's Apostolate sponsors this charitable fund-raiser in support of Mount St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery's needs. Christmas boutique includes: Religious goods, hand-made Christmas decorations and gifts, baked goods and candies, collectables and antiques, children toys and games.

Location: Mount Saint Joseph Carmelite Monastery

12455 Clayton Road

San Jose, 95127

More Information: <http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/89236671-christmas-boutique-at-mount-st-joseph-carmelite-monastery-san-jose-ca>

Ceramics Show & Sale at SJCC

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009. 12-6pm

Summary: Attendees will find reasonably priced decorative and functional pottery, including Ikebana-style vases, teapots, dinnerware, and more. Proceeds from the sale will help the college arts program. The show will feature works from prominent professional artists as well as talented student artists.

Location: San Jose City College Theater
2100 Moorpark Ave.
San Jose, 95159

More Information: <http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/88440814-ceramics-show-and-sale-at-sjcc>

Mommy & Me On the Row Kid's Club

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009. 10am-12pm

Summary: Santana Row's popular Mommy & Me on the Row series returns for another season of free entertainment, interactive games, crafts and educational activities designed for parents and their pre-school aged children. Each month, families who participate will enjoy special offers and incentives from Santana Row retailers and restaurants.

Location: Santana Row
Winchester and Stevens Creek boulevards
San Jose, 95128

More Information:

http://www.santanarow.com/events/item/mommy_me_on_the_row_kids_club7/

Holiday Gift for Someone Special!

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009. 4:30pm

Summary: Linda Levine is back at the Willow Glen Library. She will be presenting a very special holiday program featuring chocolate! Learn how to wrap your chocolate treat and decorate a small presentation tin ready for that special person. This event is open to elementary school-age children & is sponsored by the Friends of the Willow Glen Library.

Location: Willow Glen Library
1157 Minnesota Ave.
San Jose, 95125

More Information: <http://www.sjlibrary.org/>

The Nutcracker presented by Ballet San Jose

Dates: Thursday, December 10, 2009 (7:30pm), Friday, December 11, 2009 (7:30pm), Saturday, December 12, 2009 (1:30,7:30pm), Sunday, December 13, 2009 (1:30pm), Friday, December 18, 2009 (7:30pm),and Saturday, December 19, 2009 (1:30pm)

Summary: Hailed as The San Francisco Chronicle as "one of the most entertaining versions of Nutcracker anywhere in the country," Dennis Nahat's treasured holiday classic returns for an extended run with full orchestra, stunning lobby decorations, festive carolers and unforgettable Nutcracker characters who will meet and greet guests before every performance

Location: San Jose Center for the Performing Arts
355 Almaden Blvd.
San Jose, 95113

More Information: <http://events.mercurynews.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/88346515-the-nutcracker-presented-by-ballet-san-jose>

The Secret Life of Squirrels!

Date: Friday, December 11, 2009. 3:30pm-5:30pm

Summary: Ages: 5-10. Why is fall such a busy season for squirrels? How can we really tell the difference between a ground squirrel and a tree squirrel? Join the Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens and become squirrel detectives as they investigate the different habitats of these squirrels. Sneak around the Guadalupe River Park in search of them and discover some new interesting facts along the way

Location: Guadalupe River Park and Gardens Visitor and Education Center
438 Coleman Ave.
San Jose, 95110

More Information: <http://www.grpg.org/Calendar.shtml>

Santana Row Celebrates Hanukkah

Date: Friday, December 11 through Friday, December 18, 2009.

Summary: Santana Row celebrates the Jewish Festival of Lights with eight nights of activities in Park Valencia, including decorating dreidels, Jewish story time, arts & crafts, and the lighting of the Menorah.

Location: Santana Row
Winchester and Stevens Creek boulevards
San Jose, 95128

More information: <http://www.santanarow.com/>

Fratello Marionettes present, "The North Pole Review!"

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2009. 4pm

Summary: Looking for a great way to celebrate the holiday season? Join the fun at the special presentation of, "The North Pole Review," by the accomplished Fratello Marionettes! This holiday program is sponsored by the Friends of the Willow Glen Library.

Location: Willow Glen Library
1157 Minnesota Ave.
San Jose, 95125

More Information: www.sjlibrary.org

ScholarShare Free Second Sundays at The Tech

Date: Sunday, December 13, 2009. 10am-5pm

Summary: On the Second Sunday of every month come and visit The Tech for free admission into the regular Museum Gallery exhibits. (Free admission does not include IMAX)

Location: Tech Museum of Innovation
201 S. Market St.
San Jose, 95113

More Information: http://www.thetech.org/whats_new/

Rainbow the Clown's Magical Holiday Show!

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009. 4pm

Summary: Rainbow the clown's magic, juggling, and silly antics will tickle and delight the hearts of the entire family. Come sing a jingle and have a giggle with the Bay Area's warmest clown just in time for the holidays! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Willow Glen Library.

Location: Willow Glen Library
1157 Minnesota Ave.
San Jose, 95125

More Information: www.sjlibrary.org